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TO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, SHUM, ES

SUBJECT:SECURITY MEASURES RE POSSIBLE OCCUPATION OF
EMBASSY PREMISES

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2368

1. DEPARTMENT CONCURS WITH EMBASSY'S REASONING AND
DECISION REGARDING SECURITY PLAN FOR POSSIBLE OCCUPATION
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PROTECTION OF EMBASSY AND THE PEOPLE IT SERVICES.

2. WE BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE A DISTINCTION MADE WHEN
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VISA SECTION OR LOBBY) AND AN ACT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST
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